

28. (New) The graft assembly of claim 22, wherein the graft assembly has a tapered profile.
29. (New) The graft assembly of claim 28, further comprising a longitudinal pleat which provides the graft assembly with a tapered profile.
30. (New) The graft assembly of claim 22, wherein each of the plurality of frames have a length, each of the frames being configured so as to lack structure overlapping the length of an adjacent frame.
31. (New) The graft assembly of claim 22, wherein the frames are positioned within an interior of the graft.
32. (New) The graft assembly of claim 22, wherein a plurality of apices of certain frames extend beyond the length of the graft.

REMARKS

The originally-filed application contained claims 1-21. In the present paper, Applicants have cancelled claim 1-21 and added new claims 22-32. Accordingly, claims 22-32 are presented for examination.

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